

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-17 as follows:

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1. (Amended) An optical modulation [element for modulating] device that modulates a light flux emitted from a light source according to image information, the optical modulation device comprising:

an optical modulation element; and

[wherein] a transparent plate [is] formed on at least one surface [thereof] of the optical modulation element.

2. (Amended) The optical modulation [element] device according to claim 1, further comprising:

[wherein] a polarizer [is] bonded to said transparent plate.

3. (Amended) The optical modulation [element] device according to [Claim 1 or 2] Claim 1,

[wherein] said transparent plate having a surface and the surface of said transparent plate [is] being coated with a surface active agent, or treated for electrostatic protection.

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4. (Amended) A projection display device [having] comprising:

a light source;

an optical modulation element [for modulating] that modulates a light flux emitted from [a] the light source according to image information;[, and]

a projection [means for magnifying] unit that magnifies and [projecting] projects the light flux modulated by said optical modulation element [onto a projection plane,]; and

[wherein] a transparent plate [is] formed on [the] a light [emergent] emitting surface of said optical modulation element.

5. (Amended) The projection display device according to Claim 4, further comprising:

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[wherein] an antireflection film [is] formed on at least one surface of said transparent plate.

6. (Amended) The projection display device according to Claim 4 [or 5],

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[wherein] said transparent plate having a thickness and said projection unit having a focal depth, and the thickness of said transparent plate [is] being set larger than the focal depth of said projection [means] unit.

7. (Amended) The projection display device according to Claim 4 [or 5], further comprising:

[wherein] a polarizer [is] having an optical axis interposed between said transparent plate and said projection [means] unit, said transparent plate [is] being made of a drawing resin and having an optical axis, and the optical axis of said transparent plate almost aligns with the optical axis of said polarizer.

8. (Amended) The projection display device according to Claim 7, [wherein] said polarizer [is composed of] comprising a polarizing layer and a pair of substrates [for sandwiching] that sandwich said polarizing layer and are made of a substrate material, and said transparent plate [is] being made of the substrate [same] material [as that of] used in making said substrates.

9. (Amended) The projection display device according to Claim 7 [or 8],
[wherein] said polarizer [is] being bonded to said transparent plate.

10. (Amended) The projection display device according to [any of Claims 4 to 8]
Claim 4,

[wherein] said transparent plate having a surface and the surface of said transparent plate [is] being coated with a surface active agent, or treated for electrostatic protection.

11. (Amended) The projection display device according to [any of Claims 4 to 10] Claim 4, further comprising a mounting member and a color synthesizing

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prism, [wherein] said optical modulation element [is] being mounted via [a] the mounting member on [a] the color synthesizing prism [for forming said projection means], said mounting member [includes] comprising:

a mounting frame plate composed of a first frame member and a second frame [members for sandwiching] member that sandwich said optical modulation element[,] a fixed frame plate [to be] in a fixed contact with [the] a light incident surface of said color synthesizing prism;[,] and

an intermediate frame plate [to be] sandwiched between said mounting frame plate and said fixed frame plate.

12. (Amended) The projection display device according to Claim 11, [wherein] said mounting frame plate [is] being made of a resin containing glass fiber.

13. (Amended) The projection display device according to Claim 11, [wherein] said mounting frame plate [is] being made of metal.

14. (Amended) A projection display device [having] comprising:
a light source;
 an optical modulation element [for modulating] that modulates a light flux emitted from [a] the light source according to image information; [, and]
a projection [means for magnifying] unit that magnifies and [projecting] projects the light flux modulated by said optical modulation element [onto a projection plane said projection display device comprising:] ; and
 a partition [for surrounding] that surrounds said optical modulation element via an air layer and thereby [separating] separates said optical modulation element from said light source and said projection [means] unit,

said partition having a transparent plate fitted in a light incident window corresponding to [the] a light incident surface of said optical modulation element, and a light